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Fresno ATCT/TRACON (ATC) provides approach control service and standard IFR separation to VFR aircraft practicing instrument approach procedures to Fresno Yosemite International Airport. The primary approach control frequencies for Fresno Yosemite are 119.6/351.95 (North) and 132.35/323.25 (South).

ATC provides VFR aircraft practicing instrument approach procedures with standard IFR separation, applying 500-foot vertical separation. When separating from heavy/B757 aircraft, vertical separation is increased to 1000 feet. IFR separation begins when the approach clearance becomes effective and continues throughout the missed approach procedure. However, pilots of VFR aircraft practicing instrument approach procedures can expect to receive VFR departure instruction (i.e., MAINTAIN AT OR BELOW 2000 feet or FLY RUNWAY HEADING) in lieu of published missed approach procedures. When vectoring and sequencing for an approach procedure, ATC provides Class C separation and service to radar identified VFR aircraft.

At secondary airports under our jurisdiction with published instrument approaches, pilots conducting VFR practice instrument approaches will receive standard IFR separation, applying 500-foot vertical separation. Some delays may be anticipated dependent on workload, and radar capability.

These airports are: Fresno Chandler-Executive (frequency 119.0), Visalia Municipal (frequency 118.5, Madera Municipal (frequency 119.45) and Hanford Municipal (frequency 123.9).

For further information, refer to the Airmen's Information Manual. Subject "Practice Instrument Approaches" or call Fresno ATCT/TRACON at (559) 255-5754.

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